

# **Barton W. Bearden papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Bearden, Barton W.S.
<b>Title</b>	Barton W. Bearden papers
<b>Date</b>	1864-1865
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S0087

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Barton Bearden was born around 1847 in Tennessee to Albert M. and Margaret Bearden. He joined the Indiana 124th Volunteer Regiment as a private on January 16, 1864 and served in both Company C and D. He was promoted to corporal and was a prisoner of war at Andersonville Prison. Bearden was freed shortly before being killed on the steamer, *Sultana*, when an explosion sank the ship in the Mississippi on April 27, 1865.

### Sources:

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains two handwritten letters sent by Barton Bearden to his mother while serving with the 124th Indiana Regiment during the U.S. Civil War. The first letter was sent shortly after the Battle of Resaca that took place in Georgia from May 13-15, 1864 and the second, dated October 27, 1864, was written from Cedar Bluff, Alabama. The collection also includes typewritten transcriptions of each letter, a calling card with Bearden's regiment and camp information on the front and a poem on the back, and the top heading of a sheet of paper from the U.S. Christian Commission, dated April 19, 1865 - possibly part of a letter written before Bearden boarded the *Sultana*.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 124th (1864-1865).

**Genre(s)**

- Correspondence
- Transcriptions

**Geographic Name(s)**

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

**Personal Name(s)**

- Bearden, Barton W.S.

**Subject(s)**

- Military veterans
- Poetry
- Soldiers
- Visiting cards